

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the life and lifetime achievements of one of St. Louis County's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Ann Grady, a treasured resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on October 11, 2003, with a festive celebration and surprise party to be held at the Salad Bowl Restaurant; and

Whereas, Ann Grady came into this world in Scott County, Mississippi, on October 10, 1903, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents George and Cathy Petty, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Ann Grady declared her love for the Lord at an early age and has continued to glorify His name as a devout member of the West Side Missionary Baptist Church for more than sixty years; and

Whereas, Ann Grady embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Maymon Grady, a kind and loving gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his departure from this world; and

Whereas, an avid fisherman who still lives in her own home, Ann Grady is always on the go and derives a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction from baking, visiting the sick, and participating in a variety of church and volunteer activities; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Ann Grady faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Ann Grady as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Ann Grady, as a mark of our great esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Amber (Holly) Boykins
District No. 60

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4375, adopted October 9, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker